

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-23, 25-26 and 51-79 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the remarks contained herein.

Applicants thank the Examiner for courtesies extended during telephonic interviews conducted on February 26 and 27, 2009. During the interviews, the Examiner agreed that the above amendments to the claims would overcome any remaining rejections to the claims. Accordingly, Applicants agree to withdraw the pending appeal, conditional upon the allowance of the above claims.

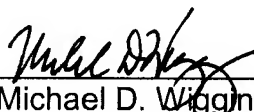
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the presently pending claims should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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